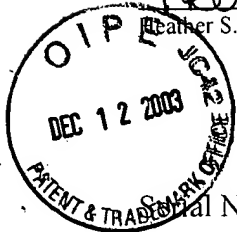


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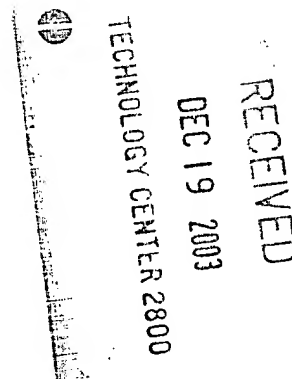
In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-24 and 33-73.

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